

# Quote

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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] JOHN FOSTER DULLES, U S Sec'y of State: "During the coming yr the U S will have to accept an increasing responsibility to assist the free nations of the Middle East, and elsewhere, to maintain their freedom and to develop their welfare. We must live by the Golden Rule, and by so serving others, we serve ourselves." . . . [2] Vice Pres RICHARD M NIXON: "I am convinced there is no question but that the American economy can easily and profitably assimilate into our economy the refugees from Red Hungary who are entering the U S." . . . [3] Russian Premier NIKOLAI BULGANIN, ushering in New Yr: "There is every reason to think that the coming of '57 will be marked with important victories by people in their struggle for the preservation and consolidation of peace; for the relaxation of internat'l tension; for the triumph of the principle of peaceful co-existence of states with

different social systems." . . . [4] GEO MEANY, pres AFL-CIO, *expressing doubt on co-existence philosophy*: "If

the rulers of the Kremlin did not dare to permit the co-existence of a free gov't in tiny Red Hungary, how can they feel secure with the existence of freedom in much stronger nations like ours?" . . . [5] Rep FRANCIS E WALTER (D-Pa) *on entry of Hungarian refugees into the U S*: "I am rather security conscious, but I would say that we are not going to get a significant number of undesirables under this emergency scheme. What better evidence of anti-communism can you have than bullet holes in a man's body?" . . . [6] DAVID ("Tex") FELDMAN, Texas oil millionaire, *spending \$125,000 on Hollywood New Yr party*: "I wanted to show the world Texas can compete with the best in gentility."

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Now that the yr-end reports are beginning to drift in, some forecasts on the new yr may be in order.

Generally speaking, it looks like another good one coming up—moderately prosperous for business, and not displeasing to those who work for wages. Again people in the fixed-income group will be pressured. For living costs are going up. Few spectacular increases are to be expected (fuel oil, and perhaps gasoline may advance sharply, due to heavy European drains). The recent creeping trend will continue.

If you have been harboring hope of substantial reduction in income taxes, we think you may as well be reconciled to carrying your burden at the present level for at least another yr. As we have recently pointed out, defense costs are up, and there will be increased demands on us, directly and indirectly, for for'gn aid. Such a climate is not conducive to tax reduction.

The "tight money" policy of recent mo's will continue. This will

adversely affect housing activity. By spring a jittery Congress may step in with some sort of legislation to facilitate direct lending. The efficacy of such programs is rather in question. Time will tell.

Some strain is indicated in labor-management relations. Present high employment reflects a scarcity of skilled labor. This condition is becoming chronic, and union leaders will continue to exploit the shortage. However, '58 will be the yr of significant conflict. Important contracts will then be up for re-negotiation. Example: Reuther of Auto Workers has already served notice he'll be after "the biggest wage increase in the history of the industry." But demands will be paced in some degree by '57 profit picture.

Unions are gradually capitalizing on discontent of professional and quasi-professional groups in industry. Approx 10% of nation's engineers are now union mbrs. They complain that there isn't enough spread between their take-home pay and the high salaries paid inexperienced college graduates.

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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"

### AMERICA—1

When Guizot, the famous Frenchman, visited our nation in the early days, he asked Jas Russell Lowell how long he thought the Republic would last. The classic reply of Lowell to Guizot needs to be indelibly graven over the doorposts of our homes, schools and churches: "Sir, the Republic will last as long as the ideals and the principles of the founders remain dominant in the hearts of the people."—AARON M MECKEL, "Building the Next Generation," *Watchman-Examiner*, 11-29-'56.

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The American Consumer might be surprised to discover he is worth, in aggregate, close to a trillion dollars. . .

Every day, consumers light up more than a billion cigarets. They dial 51 million phones more than 3 times a day. In nearly 50 million separate households, they spend \$500 million a yr on the care of 22.5 million dogs. . .

They enjoy 40 million tv sets . . . they own 50 million cars and drive them far enough in a yr to cross the country 175 million times.—*Newsweek*.

### APPRECIATION—2

Some people treat our war heroes like Christmas trees, 1st they decorate them and then they want to throw them away. — JACK HERBERT, *American Legion Mag.*

### BEHAVIOR—3

Psychiatrists hint at a new form of neurosis making the rounds, viz, a feeling of guilt on the part of the tv fan who doesn't use the products advertised by the sponsors of his favorite program. — *Medical Notebook*.

### CHILD—Training—4

Children are natural mimics. They act like their parents in spite of every effort to teach them good manners.—*Woodmen of the World Mag.*

### CHRISTIANITY—5

Physicist Arthur Compton addressed a large gathering of college students, presenting a strong case for Christianity. Later, a young student asked, "How can you really prove to me what it is like to be a Christian? I want definite proof."

Mr Compton asked for an orange, proceeded to peel it and eat it as everyone watched. On finishing, he asked the questioner, "Do you know what the orange tasted like?"

"Of course I don't," came the reply. "Only the person who ate it can tell that."

"So it is with Christianity," Mr Compton concluded. "You must taste it yourself." — *Our Young People*.

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By Les & Liz  
Carpenter

With the battle for inaugural tickets under way, and box seats for the ball going at \$62.50 each, it's hard to realize that 1st inauguration here attracted little attention.

Thos Jefferson, 1st man to be inaugurated President in ceremonies at Washington, walked from his rooms at Conrad's boarding house to the Capitol, participated in brief ceremonies in the Senate chamber, walked back to his lodgings and took his accustomed seat at the foot of the table of 30 boarders.

That was in 1801. By 1817, the inaugural hoopla got under way with Pres Monroe. Senators and Congressmen fought so bitterly over distribution of tickets that Monroe moved the ceremony outdoors, where it was held on the Capitol's unfinished portico.

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*At previous inaugurations Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew clergy have participated in prayers. This time, Greek Orthodox Church will join in.*

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Correcting our earlier statement that Delaware (1st state to join the union) will have No 1 spot in inaugural parade: That honor will go to American Indian tribesmen, who argue that since redmen were here 1st, they should have 1st place in the parade.

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#### COMPROMISE—6

A compromise is an agreement between two people, each of whom gets something he doesn't want.—MENDES-FRANCE, *Pourquoi Pas?* Belgium (QUOTE translation).

#### CONSERVATIVE—Radical—7

A conservative is a man who acts impulsively after thinking for a long time.—HERBERT V PROCHNOW, *Chicago Tribune Mag of Books*.

#### COURTESY—8

A consultant who was called in to advise a sick business made a survey and recommended: "I suggest you start advertising, and use 3 mediums—radio, direct mail, and courtesy. The 1st two will cost you real money. The 3rd is free, but it's the most important one of all." It proved a good prescription, one that would apply to a lot of patients.—FRED DEARMOND, "A Matter of Courtesy," *Rotarian*, 12'-56.

#### DELUSION—9

It is told of Napoleon that he had something amounting to genius for fooling himself. Faced with disaster, he used to count up regiments that did not exist even on paper. When his staff remonstrated and pointed to the folly of such habit, he would exclaim, "Would you rob me of my peace of mind?"—MURDO E MACDONALD, *Vitality of Faith* (Abingdon Press).

#### DIPLOMACY—10

The new fad in diplomacy is to release the text of the international communication before it is sent. This saves time by allowing the recipient to get sore about the letter before he even gets it.—BILL VAUGHAN, *Kansas City Star*.



## mining the magazines

Increasingly of late the European press has been poking ironic fun at Russian tourists (there are quite a few these days, bound on diplomatic or commercial missions). A recent cartoon in *Carrefour Paris* depicts a couple of Russian visitors, trying to cross a super-busy street. One remarks to the other, "Poor devils! No doubt they have to drive cars because they have no shoes!"

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Says Roy A Burkhart, in *Christian Century* (12-19-'56), in an article titled "Toward a Healthy Theology": "When I read some people's books and listen to some of my brethren, I get the impression that they are simply working off their aggressions by condemning sin in their fellow men. How much better for them to grow a vegetable garden, or keep busy in a workshop, or play golf!"

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In *Etude* (Dec) Albert J Elias has a rather interesting discussion of the radio and tv cultural programs, explaining with considerable clarity the philosophy of such firms as Firestone and Bell Telephone, in sponsoring superior musical programs, as against the popular quiz or comedy show. True, he points out, the audience is small, but there is a high degree of dedicated devotion, that pays handsomely in the long run. And the sponsor can wait!

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The Hudson's Bay Co should send some make-up man a case of their

*Frankfurter* (Germany) *Illustrierte* rep'ts that a popular dress pattern of the fall season has the yr 1956 prominently imprinted in the design. "In this way," it is pointed out, "your husband can't get out of buying you a new dress next yr!"

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scotch whisky. For explanation, turn to page 72 of *Newsweek*, issue of Dec 10. Featured there is a 2-col photo of Conductor Enrique Jorda, with arm extended and index finger in pointing position. By happy juxtaposition he points directly at a bottle of Hudson's Bay Whisky, featured in a neighboring ad!

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One of our pet peeves is the professorial type who, even when relating an anecdote involving persons of humble origin, cannot unbend sufficiently to phrase the story in acceptable idiom. Worst offender we've encountered lately: a writer in *New Outlook* who quotes "an old illiterate Arkansas preacher": "Ignorance is that specious condition of the mind of man which predominates the human race the way fleas predominate the mangy hide of a hunting dog with rheumatism." How many illiterates of your acquaintance have heard, and can properly apply the words "specious" and "predominate"?

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### DRINK—Drinking—11

"Present scientific knowledge," reports Dr Leon Greenberg, director of Yale's famous Center of Alcohol Studies, "provides no physiological explanation of why some people—4 million out of 65 million drinkers in the U S—become alcoholics. We have to handle it as a personality problem."

What about the argument that without alcohol there would be no problem? "The evidence down thru the ages is all against that," he answers. "The problem isn't alcohol; it's people." — HERBERT YAHRAES, "What Happens When You Drink Too Much," *Popular Science*, 12-'56.

### EDUCATION—12.

Somehow we are not getting the (educational) results we expect. A celebrated biographer has remarked that "ours is the most ignorant of all generations." Aldous Huxley points up that when he says, "We have improved means toward unimproved ends."—AARON M MECKEL, "Building the Next Generation," *Watchman-Examiner*, 11-29-'56.

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I was lecturing, not many mo's ago, to a quite ordinary group of students at the Univ of Ill. I was talking about the Great Books and what constitutes a liberal education, which is the only proper education for a free man.

One of the audience, a nice, average boy of no visible intellectual attainments, stood up and asked a quite pertinent question. I ans'd him and then he drawled, quite innocently and without intended irony, I am sure: "You know, Mr Harris, the whole trouble with col-

lege is that I'm so busy studying I don't have a chance to learn anything." — SYDNEY J HARRIS, "Ain't That a Pistol!" *Phi Delta Kappan*, 12-'56.

### FAITH—13

Faith is a growing or dying asset to an individual—it is not static.—*Brotherhood Jnl.*

## Quote scrap book

THOMAS PAINE, whose 220th anniv is now upon us (Jan 29, 1737) was a political realist. Tho championing the cause of American freedom, he had no delusions that a Utopia would result. In the 1st issue of *Common Sense* (1776) he wrote:

Society in every state is a blessing. But gov't, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one.

### FAMILY LIFE—14

Good family life is never an accident but always an achievement by those who share it.—JAS H S BOS-SARD, *Parent's Mag.*

### FUTURE—15

What the future holds, no one knows. But the day may not be distant when we will conquer disease and mental illness, send ships into outer space, and perhaps solve the secrets of life itself. — FRANK M ROBINSON, *Science Digest*.

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#### GOVERNMENT—Problems—16

Never before in history, at no other place in the world, has a gov't of continental size, actively controlled by public opinion, faced issues either in scale and scope or in difficulty and complexity such as now confront the U S.—HENRY M WRISTON, *Diplomacy in a Democracy* (Harper).

#### HABIT—17

If you acquire enough good habits, the old ones vanish just as good grass crowds out the weeds.—*Man's Shop*, hm, House of Ensign, S Africa.

#### HOME—18

A real home is a shelter from the storms of life, a place to enjoy, a place in which to relax, a place of peace and rest. A true home is the center of all human hopes and ideals. It does not have to be a mansion. — CLIFFORD R ANDERSON, MD, "Mending a Broken Home," *Signs of the Times*, 11-27-'56.

#### HOUSING—19

The only trouble with some of these fine new homes they're building is their location—on the outskirts of your income.—*Popular Science*.

#### INTEGRITY—20

Integrity comes high. Few seem able to afford it. Stuart Chase said that it was a luxury. Nevertheless, a long time ago Socrates uttered a truth, "The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be, and if we observe, we shall find, that all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice and experience of them." — MARIOUS HANSOME, "The Value of Intellectual Integrity," *New Outlook*, 12-'56.

#### LIFE—Living—21

It is interesting to reflect that accidie—no appetite for life—never attacked city dwellers of the Middle Ages with their helter-skelter, higgledy-piggledy manner of life, but haunted the over-organized, clock-work-monasteries.—BERNARD BERENSON, *Rumor and Reflection* (Simon & Schuster).

#### LOVE—22

Love is the sunshine of the soul. Without it we get hard and sour and we never grow into what we could be. Love sweetens the bitterness of experience and softens the core of selfishness that is inherent in human nature.—FAITH FORSYTE, *Tit-Bits*, London.

#### MARRIED LIFE—23

A smart husband is one who isn't so busy bringing home the bacon that he forgets the applesauce.—*Changing Times*.

#### MATURITY—24

It isn't so hard to become mature, but you've got to work at it. Dr Jas F Bender, of N Y C, says there are 3 marks of maturity. The 1st is ability to inhibit temper tantrums, which he calls "infantilisms that are costly indeed in terms of human relations." Second, he puts the capacity for keeping a confidence, and says no individual who cannot resist the impulse to break a secrecy is grown up. Finally: "I would place an attitude of imperviousness to those twin imposters—blame and fame. A hysterical person is thrown off balance by words of condemnation or praise." — CHAS B ROTH, *Winning Personal Recognition* (Prentice-Hall).

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#### Alice's Artful Author

While everyone in England, practically speaking, knew perfectly well that the "Alice" books were written by a modest little bachelor professor of mathematics, named CHAS LUTWIDGE DODGSON (b Jan 27, 1832) the author himself never acknowledged a paternal connection. Pressed for a statement, he responded with a stiff, formal evasion. When Queen Victoria sought "an autographed copy of your charming creation," the professor solemnly dispatched a copy of his mathematical work, *An Elementary Treatise on Determinants*.

Alice in Wonderland was a topic of frequent discussion in literate England for a generation after its publication in 1865. A favorite pastime was an endeavor to solve the Hatter's Riddle: "Why is a raven like a writing-desk?" Finally the author, in his *Preface to the 86th Thousand* (1896) wrote:

Enquiries have been so often addressed to me, as to whether any answer to the Hatter's Riddle can be imagined, that I may as well put on record here what seems to me to be a fairly appropriate answer, viz: "Because it can produce a few notes, tho they are *very* flat; and it is never put with the wrong end in front." This, however, is merely an afterthought; the Riddle, as originally invented, had no answer at all.

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#### MODERN AGE—25

The trouble with present-day manners and morals is that the children who used to learn their lessons at their mothers' knees are now at other joints, and the adolescents who once associated respectfully with the Edisons and Victors are now playing around with the Jukes.—*Nation's Schools*.

#### MUSIC—26

A pianist was asked by his mgr about the timing of a sonata he was going to play. He repl'd: "With feeling, 15 min's; without feeling, 10 min's." — NICHOLAS SLONIMSKY, *Etude*.

#### POWER—27

Electricity and its availability spawned a whole new order of applications that had not been conceived before. This development was beautifully phrased on the recent Diamond Jubilee of Light telecast when it was said: "Why, if it weren't for Thos Edison, we would all be watching television by candlelight."—JAS F FAIRMAN, v-pres, Consolidated Edison Co of N Y, in address at convention of Edison Electric Institute.

#### PRAYER—28

Listening is as much a part of prayer as asking.—*Brotherhood Jnl*.

#### PREJUDICE—29

Prejudice, which sees what it pleases, cannot see what is plain.—AUBREY de VERE.

#### RUSSIA—America—30

In contradistinction to the Russians, we Americans have better manners than to speak ill of our public officials after they are dead. We call them so-and-sos while they are living.—OLIN MILLER, columnist.



## pathways to the past



### Jewish Music Festival

**Jan 27—Feast of St Chrysostom.**

... 125th anniv (1832) b of Chas Lutwidge Dodgson, English clergyman and mathematician, whom we better know as "Lewis Carroll", author of *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, the most famous children's books in the English language (see GEM BOX).

**Jan 28—500th anniv (1457) b of Henry VII, 1st of England's Tudor kings.** (His marriage to Elizabeth of York ended the Wars of the Roses).  
... 55th anniv (1902) founding of Carnegie Institution, Washington, by a gift of \$10 million from steelmaster Andrew Carnegie. The Institution now has assets approaching \$50 million; is devoted to fundamental research. ... 50th anniv (1907) 1st Safety Congress, held in N Y C. ... 25 yrs ago (1932) Wisconsin became 1st state to pass unemployment insurance act.

**Jan 29—220th anniv (1737) b of Thos Paine, patriot and publicist of American Revolution.** ... 155 yrs ago (1802) Library of Congress employed its 1st librarian—John Beckley. (The Library was then housed in a single room of the Capitol bldg.)

**Jan 30—95th anniv (1862) b of Walter Damrosch, pioneer in music appreciation; one of the 1st to offer elementary instruction via radio.** ... 75th anniv (1882) b of Franklin D Roosevelt. His birthday is now marked as the highlight of the

**March of Dimes** campaign for control of infantile paralysis. ... In an historic sense, War II began 20 yrs ago (1937) as Adolf Hitler, before a specially-summoned Reichstag, repudiated Germany's guilt for War I; demanded ret'n of German colonies.

**Jan 31—205th anniv (1752) b of Gouverneur Morris, early patriot and leader in Continental Congress.** (He suggested the terms "dollar" and "cents" for our currency.) ... 160th anniv (1797) b of Franz Peter Schubert Austrian composer.

**Feb 1—Festival of St Bridget.** ... 405th anniv (1552) b of Sir Edw Coke, master of English common law ... 55 yrs ago (1902) Sec'y of State John Hay, facing the not-unfamiliar Far Eastern problem, asked major powers to enforce an Open Door policy in China. Purpose: to bar Russia from exclusive trade privileges in Manchuria.

**Feb 2—Purification (Candlemas).** ... **Ground Hog Day.** ... 75th anniv (1882) founding of Knights of Columbus, Catholic fraternal order. ... 30th anniv (1927) opening of Zieffeld Theatre, N Y C, with 1st performance of musical, *Rio Rita*. Top price: \$27.50 per seat. ... Reconstruction Finance Corp'n org 25 yrs ago (1932).

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A Reuters dispatch from Saudi Arabia last wk told of the arrival in Mecca, birthplace of the prophet Mohammed, of an American automobile. A rather special automobile it was, fitted with a refrigerator, automatic teakettle, deep freeze, air conditioning system, and radio receiving and transmitting equipment.

The car had journeyed from Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian capitol, a distance of 450 mi's, in a matter of 8 hrs. Passengers included Sheikh Abdullah Al-Faisal, Interior Minister of Saudi Arabia, who recalled that in the not-so-long-ago a camel caravan would have required from 35 to 40 days to cover the same distance.

But Sheikh Abdullah was not one to sell the camel short. "We still use camels in much of our land," he said. "They stand up to the rigors of long stretches of desert better than automobiles. They are our best transportation for hunting, and for short journeys. No other creature can travel, heavily laden, for seven days without food or water.

"The automobile is wonderful," conceded the Interior Minister, "but no car can give us meat, milk and wool. So we still keep our old friend, the camel, and look after him fondly."

Selah!

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#### SEXES—31

Since the time of Adam it's always the man who shows up 1st when he's to meet a woman.—Written in pencil by an impatient man on one of the columns of the Doge's Palace in Venice.—*Ihre Freundin*, Karlsruhe (QUOTE translation).

#### SPEECH—Speaking—32

Olin E Hinkle, associate prof of journalism at Univ of Texas, Austin, is carrying on a one-man crusade against a pair of slipshod terms too frequently encountered these days on our public platforms: "It gives me great pleasure to ENTER-DUCE . . ." and "I am very happy to PER-SENT . . ."

If you attend many public meetings, you have frequently encountered one or both of these slovenly pronunciations.

#### SUCCESS—33

The am't of money in your bank acc't is not the true measure of your success. If you are honest, fair, tolerant, kindly, charitable of others and well behaved, you are a success, no matter how small your bank acc't.—*Mutual Moments*, hm, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Ass'n.

#### TASTE—34

Ah, good taste, what a dreadful thing! Taste is the enemy of creativeness.—PABLO PICASSO.

#### TEACHERS—Teaching—35

Yes, a teacher is a person with a touch of immortality, and he should be the most envied of men. His profession should be the most sought after, the most carefully prepared for, the most universally recognized. And as America grows in mental and cultural stature, it will be.—SAM'L B GOULD, pres, Antioch College, *Kentucky School Jnl*.

### **TOLERANCE—36**

When our PTA honored Miss Bestwick, retiring teacher, someone asked where she learned to be so tolerant. In her first yr, she explained, when a mole on a little boy's neck turned out to be a spot on her eyeglasses.—BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

### **VALUES—37**

A sense of values is the most important single element in human personality, more important than knowledge, intelligence, or imagination.—*Carnegie Foundation*.

### **VIEWPOINT—38**

Matthew Henry, the famous scholar, was once accosted by some thieves and robbed of his purse. He wrote these words in his diary: "Let me be thankful first, because I was never robbed before; second, because, altho they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."—*Church of Ireland Gazette*.

### **WAR—Peace—39**

There are said to have been only about 300 yrs of peace between 1460 BC and 1955 AD. But the number of peace pacts drawn up during that time totals more than 8,000.—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (QUOTE translation).

### **WORK—40**

The basic cause of failure stems from beginners looking for employment instead of work. — SHANNON FIFE, *Nation's Business*.

### **WORRY—41**

Quite a few thoughtful Americans have a built-in hobby—worry.—DAN KIDNEY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.



We are delighted beyond measure to learn that the Gannett Newspapers, of Rochester, N Y have seen fit to pay tribute to a group long neglected. Our reference is to those articulate, and too often anonymous, individuals who indite Letters to the Editor. The *Times-Union* and the *Democrat and Chronicle* recently joined to honor some 100 citizens who were impelled to write in, expressing their political views during the course of the recent presidential campaign. Republicans and Democrats alike attended the for-free dinner, at which pollster Sam Lubell was speaker. Greetings poured in from such notables as Gov Hariman, White House press sec'y Jim Hagerty and nat'l chairmen Len Hall and Paul Butler.

Scanning the stand-out statistics of a just-concluded yr, we are now in position to inform you that vending machine sales scored an estimated \$200 million gain in '56, to bring the yr's total right at \$2 billion. Now, literally, machines vend everything from soup to nuts.

Well, the old order changeth. Only a fortnight ago the Pentagon announced that the Army mule was being turned out to pasture. And now comes another bulletin heralding the passing of the pigeons. Once 40,000 of these birds carried winged words. Alas no more! We hope they've pensions for pigeons.

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Overheard in a Milwaukee drug-store a few wks ago:

Woman customer, looking at greeting cards, turns to clerk: "Do you have any Hanukkah cards left?"

Clerk: "We carry only Hallmark cards."—*Milwaukee Jnl.* a

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In New Orleans, a \$100-a-wk bond salesman got married 18 mo's ago and found himself with \$2,000 left after the honeymoon expenses. He disposed of it as follows: \$1500 down on a \$15,000 house (with payments of \$95 a month); \$500 down for \$1,500 worth of furniture, a \$300 tv set, a \$400 washer-drier, and 2 air conditioners worth \$500. He bought his wife a \$300 mink jacket, plans to spend about \$600 on a trip to the Rockies, both on installments.

And how do they get by on the \$75-a-month left after payments? "Well," said the clerk, "we've given up smoking."—*Newsweek.* b

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Youngsters who wrote entries in a recent "My Pop's Tops" contest, sponsored by a midwest newspaper, made some startling tributes to their fathers, including: "Pop never passed the 7th-grade, yet he is just as smart as if he was in the 8th."—*Nat'l Parent-Teacher.* c

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ERNEST BLEVINS

As I walked out of a local drug store one afternoon, I noticed a group of high school boys whiling away the time. They were watching the girls walking by on the street. When a shapely brunette in a sweater came by, several of the group said "True!" with obvious enthusiasm. I asked what they were doing.

"Oh," said one, "it's a sort of guessing game—called 'True or False.'"

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A plumber joined the Royal Engineers and was immediately given a test—the making of a joint for a lead pipe. The senior NCO sent a written report of the test to the Commanding Officer. It read: "Joint very well done."

Next day the man was given a job as cook in the officers' mess.—*Tit-Bits, London.* d

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A substitute teacher in a large-city school prepared the 10:30 lunch for the kindergarten class. Then she pulled up a chair to join them. "Now let's eat," she said. No one touched his food. Again she said, "Come on, children, let's start to eat." There was silence. Finally a little black-haired child said: "Hell, we ain't prayed yet."—*JOHN HAROLD, Midland Schools.* e

When Rudolf von Alt was quite well along in yrs he visited an art gallery which was showing some of the paintings he had done as a young man. He stood silently in front of them for a long time, then commented to a friend, "Now I realize that I am really getting old. I almost shook my head about my own pictures."—*Wochenpost*, E Berlin (Quote translation). f

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The carpenters' foreman was a stern man and a stickler for keeping his crew busy. He was rough on anyone he thought was lying down on the job.

Sven, a good-natured Swede and a diligent workman, was especially fearful of the boss. While at work near an elevator shaft he lost his balance and fell down the shaft.

His horrified companions peered down the deep hole, expecting to see Sven's shattered remains or hear him moaning in pain.

Instead, they heard his voice booming up: "Hey, fellers! Is the boss mad? Tell him I had to come down anyway for nails!"—*Tracks*, hm, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. g

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Do you forget names at a convention? Well, forget it! We know an old chap so afflicted with this disease (anonymitis) that he confesses there were only three names he could remember. "And what are they?" inq'd a friend. "Well, of course, my own, and my wife's, and—and—what the dickens was that other one, anyway?"—*Pennsylvania School Jnl*. h

A sweetly solemn thought for the New Year: Why should reformers work so hard to achieve a perfect world? If ever they attain their goal, man certainly will be a stranger in paradise.—BLANCHE CAMPBELL.

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Even if money did grow on trees, some people wouldn't shake a limb to get it.—AL SPONG.

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Some men are born great, some achieve greatness — and some just grate upon you.—ANNA HERBERT.

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In this crazy, mixed-up era, people don't even repent at leisure.—D O FLYNN.

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A boy becomes a man at twenty-one, whereas a girl becomes a lady at a moment's notice. — CHARLES RUFFING.

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Money gets around so fast these days, the term jumping jack has taken on a new meaning.—CAROLINE CLARK.

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Crime doesn't pay—but policemen don't earn much, either.—HENRY D BILLINGS.

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The easiest way to bury a hatchet is with the corpse. — FRANKLIN P JONES.

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Family ties always get stronger towards Christmas — and louder, after it.—Tit-Bits, London.

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Not long ago a German teacher was fined 30 marks for slapping a pupil. So when another teacher "threatened" a pupil, he warned, "That would cost you 30 marks. . ." She repl'd, "I wouldn't care if it cost me 100!"

Whereupon another chap caught her att'n with: "Just slap me, teacher. I'll only charge you 20!"—*Frankfurter Illustrierte*, Germany (Quote translation). i

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The East Coast shipyard was known the world over for its hustle and bustle. It had the best production record and the workers were proud of it, even a bit boastful.

The stage was set for a launching ceremony. The wife of the state's governor was to christen the ship and she was handed the traditional bottle of champagne.

Bewildered, she exclaimed, "But there's no ship!"

"Don't worry about that," said the shipyard foreman, "Just start swinging the bottle; there will be."—*Tracks*, hm, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. j

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Maybe the Russians aren't all atheists after all.

At the Olympic games in Melbourne, a sports writer went to the Russian quarters to see a Soviet runner and found only the track coach.

"What time will he be here?" the coach was asked.

His reply, with a shrug of the shoulders, was fervent: "Only God knows."—IRVING LEIBOWITZ, *Indianapolis Times*. k

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It was during a wild summer storm at the beach and the woman sat up in bed terrified. Windows were breaking, telephone wires and branches of trees crashed against the house, the electric current was off and the house rocked on its very moorings.

"Oh, Albert!" cried the woman thru quivering lips. "The house will blow away for sure!"

"Don't worry, honey," said the husband, comfortingly. "Remember, we're only renting it."—E E KENYON, *American Wkly*. l

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The little girl came home one Sunday with glowing reports of that day's Bible story: "Moses and the Pills."

Mother as usual took the straight man's part. "What pills are you talking about?" she asked.

"Well," explained little Janis, "our teacher told us that Moses went up on the mountain and came down with a bunch of tablets!"—*Journeyman Barber*. m

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Soon after we brought our baby son home from the hospital, a neighbor came to visit, bringing her two young daughters. The children exclaimed over his tiny size, his wrinkled appearance and his redness. At last Susan, a sophisticated 4-yr-old, explained to her younger sister, "I know what's the matter with him. He's a boy baby!"—Mrs EVAN McRAE, Jr, *Parent's Mag*. n

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A peasant was taken to hospital for a serious operation. Before it was performed he was given a good bath. As he left the bathroom, he turned to a nurse and said, "Well, I don't know. The operation wasn't so bad after all."—*Tit-Bits*, London. o



### Stormy Weather

*Columbia University psychologists studying the effect of weather on people's moods find that women are more affected by gloomy weather than men.—News item.*

When weather's bad, men's spirits sink,

They mope around, or take to drink,  
And gaze upon the leaden skies  
With cold resentment in their eyes.

But women take it even harder.  
They often lose all trace of ardor,  
And when the weather's really gloomy

Become depressed and even tomboy,  
Or, worse than that (you'd best prepare),

Go sullen, or their tempers flare,  
And, full of built-up nervous tension,

Do things we rather hate to mention.

Yes, women, when the weather's bad,

Are horrible, but we should add  
That often when the day's delightful

They also can be pretty frightful.

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A prominent local dentist has a unique formula for testing when a man is getting too old:

"He should know he's old when he starts chasing his sec'y around the room and on the third round forgets what he started chasing her for in the 1st place."—*Indianapolis Times*.

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"It's so easy for a woman to draw att'n to herself. A well-filled decollete is enough. But what can a man do to draw att'n to himself?"

"A well-filled billfold is enough."  
—*Frankfurter Illustrierte, Germany*  
(QUOTE translation). q

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My 12-yr-old daughter came home from school all smiles and bounce. "I'm going steady with Dick," she announced triumphantly waving a large ring attached to a neck chain before my eyes. "He gave me his ring."

"Fine—I mean 'that's the most,'" I corrected myself hastily. A half hr later the phone rang and a 45 min conversation went on before that instrument was free to use.

"That was Tom," she sighed dreamily. "I thought you were going steady with Dick?" was my surprised comment. "Of course I am. But that's at school," she explained with forced patience. "I go steady with Tom over the phone."—*Mrs D SILVERA, Parent's Mag.* r

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At the last home talent golf tournament the club sec'y caught one of the entrants driving off about a ft in front of the teeing mark.

"Here!" he cried, indignantly, "you can't do that. You're disqualified!"

"What for?" demanded the golfer.  
"Why, you just drove off in front of the mark."

The player looked at the sec'y with pity. "Go back to the clubhouse," he said tersely, "I'm playing my 3rd stroke." — *Enos Magazine*, hm, Enos Coal Mining Co. s

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*Robert Frost*

ROB'T FROST, 83-yr-old American poet, denying that Americans face increasing pressure toward conformity: "I think we're the freest people that ever were free."

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MAURICE CHEVALIER, French actor, noting arrival of 68th b'day: "All my life I have had a war inside myself between passion and reason. But now, at my age, passion leaves me alone and reason is getting the best of me."

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In some parts of the country, you may be able to use these now; or you may want to keep them in mind for spring.

First, there's a new outdoor bowling game. It's portable, of course, and almost any long, level stretch of ground can be the site for the bowling alley. The pins, which are molded of lightweight polyethylene plastic, stand 15 in's high. Plastic ball weighs only 2 lbs. A portable back-stop net and triangular pin-spotting sheet are included in the set. Total weight is 20 lbs. Try dept or sports stores. Sorry, we don't know the price.

The next one isn't really new—in our rather remote childhood we knew a boy who had one. But we've not seen one for yrs, and recently saw one advertised as a new idea—so perhaps they've not been made consistently and will be new to you. Anyway, if sledding is impossible in your climate, your children should enjoy the Flexible Racer, which is just like a sled, but equipped with wheels instead of runners. It steers like a sled, has hand brakes for safety. It's made by the same company that makes Flexible Flyer sleds, is \$19.50 east of the Rockies, higher west.

